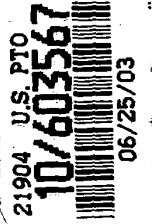




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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a:

- ☒ continuation application
☐ divisional application
☐ continuation-in-part

under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of nonprovisional patent application U.S. Serial No. 10/020,582,
filed on December 14, 2001, entitled: **Multifolded Composite Tape For Use In Cable
Manufacture And Methods For Making Same**

2. ☒ Specification (25 pages); Claims (6 pages); Abstract (1 page); Cover Sheet (1 page)

3. ☒ Drawings - Ten (10) Sheets (Figs. 1-16)

- ☐ Formal
☒ Informal

4. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney

- ☒ Copy from prior application (4 pages)
☐ Copy of Revocation by Assignee and new Power of Attorney
from prior application (____ pages)
☐ Newly executed (____ pages)

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5. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☒ PTO-1449 (1 page)
- ☒ Copies of references cited
- ☐ Copies of Supplemental IDS and PTO 1449s (___ x ___ pages)

6. ☒ Please amend the specification by replacing the first sentence with the following:
- This application is a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of U.S. Serial No. 10/020,582, filed on December 14, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference.

7. Fee Calculation

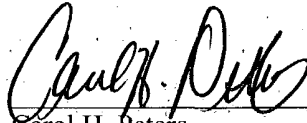
CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$750.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	—	— 20 =		\$ 18.00	
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	—	— 3 =		\$ 84.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))				\$280.00	
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:					-\$
TOTAL FEE					\$

- ☐ Amendment canceling extra claims is enclosed.
- ☐ Amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed.
- ☐ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.
8. ☒ Applicant Claims Small Entity Status
9. ☐ A check in the amount of \$___00 is enclosed.
10. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 17559-038
- ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16.
- ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.
- ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.
11. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed

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12. ☐ Other Documents Enclosed
☐ Copy of Assignment from prior application (3 pages)

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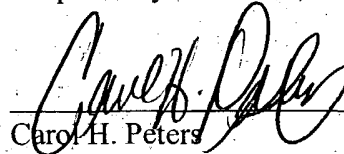
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- [X] Request for Filing New Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b);
- [X] Patent Application including Specification (25 pages); Claims (6 pages); Cover (1 page) and Abstract (1 page)
- [X] Ten (10) Sheets of Informal Drawings - Figs. 1-16;
- [X] Statement File Pursuant to the Duty of Disclosure Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98; Form PTO 1449 and copies of prior art references; and
- [X] Declaration and Power of Attorney (copy).

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617/542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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